Memorandum of Interview of John Carlisle

I telephoned John Carlisle, Chief Investigator, Attorney General's Office, State of Tenn., on September 22, 1976, with respect to information previously requested regarding a threat on the life of police officer Edward Redditt. Carlisle stated that he believed he had found the report and related the following information:

On or about April 3, 1968, Philip R. Manuel, of the U.S. Senate Investigating Committee for Senator McClellan, was in the Memphis Police Department (MPD) when he received a message to call his office in Washington. He called his office and was advised that a reliable informant of theirs in Mississippi had called them and advised of a plan that the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party had made to kill the Negro lieutenant in Memphis. This information was immediately given to the MPD by Manuel. Manuel also advised the MPD that he could not get any specific details because Jack Dross, his associate, had left the office. However, Manuel told the MPD that he was returning to Washington on a 5:50p.m. flight that day and would call them the next day.

The next day Manuel telephoned the MPD and advised them the Negro lieutenant referred to in the threat was in Knoxville rather than in Memphis.

Carlisle said Redditt was a detective at the time, but was in the "thick of things." He surmises that the MPD put two and two together and figured the information related to Redditt because of previous threats on his life.

Carlisle stated that he could not send me a copy of the report unless he was authorized to do so by AG Hugh Stanton. Other relevant reports of the MPD which he has in his office include a 50 to 75 page homicide report and reports relating to the sanitation workers strike and the Invaders.

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